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SUBJECT Visit of Henri Pharaon with the  
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SOURCE Syrian, with connections in journalistic circles.

1. It is reported that Henri Pharaon, Lebanese minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem in Egypt on 19 March 1947.
2. The Mufti is said to have agreed with the suggestion made by Pharaon that the Arab League should submit the Palestinian question to the U.N. before Great Britain could do so. Pharaon assured the Mufti that all the members of the League, except Iraq and Trans-Jordan, would support this move, and it is reported that the plan will soon be submitted to the League for formal voting.
3. The Grand Mufti is also stated to have endorsed Pharaon's suggested plan for the Arab League to win the support of Catholics throughout the world against the Jews, and Pharaon promised to direct Lebanese diplomatic representatives abroad to attempt to secure this support immediately.
4. The Mufti is also said to have disclosed that the Arab Higher Executive would not cooperate with any board of inquiry which the British might send to Palestine.
5. All the members of the Arab Higher Executive, except Husayn Khalidi, are now in Cairo and meeting with the Grand Mufti.

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